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SWISS MISSES LIKE OUR RICE

Four pretty girls from Gruyere, Switzerland, sample American rice at the International Food Exhibition in Lausanne. Looks good, doesn't it?



ACTION COMPLETED ON 1959 FUNDS

Action has been completed on the 1960 appropriation for FAS. The conferees accepted the House action which appropriates \$3,518,300, authorizes transfer to FAS of \$2,493,000 in Section 32 funds, and makes available not to exceed \$1,310,000 in foreign currencies for expenses of the agricultural attache service and P. L. 480 operating expenses of FAS.

These amounts are about the same as that available for 1959, except for a reduction of \$750,000 in the appropriation and an increase of the equivalent of \$750,000 in foreign currencies. Projects are being set up in countries having foreign currencies for post operating expenses and for attache program costs.

A dollar general letter of authorization will be issued to all posts covering re-

presentation and it will also cover travel and other expenses at posts not having foreign currencies.

MERIT PROMOTION PLAN NOW COVERS FIELD POSITIONS

As of July 1, the new FAS Merit Promotion Plan covers field positions held by U. S. citizens through Grade GS-15.

The objective of the plan is to select the best qualified candidate available to fill each position regardless of race, religion, political affiliation, or personal relationships. It provides for the systematic identification, appraisal, and selection of employees who possess the ability and potential to best meet the current and future needs of the service.

Attaches and agricultural officers at each post will take a hand in rating subordinate personnel. The top officers will themselves be rated in Washington.



MYERS PRESENTS BOUQUET TO NEW QUEEN OF FAS

FAS Adm Max Myers presents a bouquet of roses to Sally Williams, the new Miss FAS. Sally was chosen at the FAS picnic in late June at the Log Lodge in Beltsville, where this presentation is being made.

BOULWARE EXPLAINS U.S. TRADE POLICY

Three speeches by Jim Boulware, Canberra, explaining U.S. policy on trade in meat, wool, dairy products, and wheat, received extensive coverage by the Australian press.

Jim covered the wool tariff (naturally not enthusiastically accepted by the Australians), and referred to our meat, dairy products, and wheat situations.

Jim's first speech was at a Farm Bureau beef cattle convention, his second at the Apex Club at Cootamundra, New South Wales, and his third at the Victorian Young Farmers Clubs at Melbourne.

ATTACHE NEWS NOTES

Six foreign assistants from FAS attache offices -- Willem Sevenster, Pretoria; Tomitoro Sutani, Tokyo; Bhornchai Kunalai, Bangkok; Uldarico Diaz, Bogota; William Luyke, The Hague; and Andre DePauw, Brussels -- completed a 6-week training course in early July. Four weeks were spent at USDA/Washington, 2 weeks visiting land-grant colleges, farm and trade organizations, and various points of agricultural interest. Horace Bolster was group leader.

In Washington for consultations in July were Irwin Hedges, Bern; Donald MacDonald, Karachi; Paul Taggart, Bonn asst; Jim Gehr, new attache at Monrovia; John Burgess, new attache at Santiago; Charles Elkinton, new attache at Tokyo; and Alvin Gilbert, new asst attache at Manila.

Steve Stephanides, Leopoldville, reports on a "most enjoyable and very instructive" visit to Angola. He says that Angola is booming with construction and immigration. Climate and soil permit a wide range of crops, from oil palms to small grains.

Dusan Ristic, Belgrade translator, recently went on half-time appointment to return to university and complete his work toward a degree in agriculture.

Don Motz, Tokyo asst, is one of the contributing editors to "An Introduction to the Agriculture of Japan", a book recently published in both Japanese and English.



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CHILEAN BREEDERS LOOK FOR U.S. LIVESTOCK

Shown here are Sam Work, Santiago, and Victor Eyzaguirre Lyon, president of the Chilean Swine Breeders Assn, discussing the visit to the United States made by a Chilean livestock team.

The trip was financed under a market development project and is a direct outcome of the demonstration herd of cattle and sheep already in Chile. Chilean breeders are interested in top animals to improve their herds and flocks. The group expects to buy more than \$70,000 worth of livestock.

The Chileans were instructed by their associates to purchase Holstein cattle, Suffolk, Hampshire and Rambouillet sheep, Angora goats, various breeds of swine, Arabian horses, turkeys, and perhaps even some dogs.

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U.S. COTTON AT RANGOON

Guy Schilling, Cotton, inspects U.S. cotton that Burma has imported under P.L. 480 to be used in manufacture with short staple cottons. At the right is Saw H. A. Laik, agricultural asst at Rangoon. Others in the picture are U Myint Thein and U Aung Kin.



ENGBRETSON REPORTS NEW WHEAT SALES TO RHODESIAS

Tim Engebretson, Salisbury, reports that the Rhodesias have purchased over 10,000 long tons of U.S. high protein and strong gluten hard wheat in the last 6 months. The wheat will be used to blend with Australian wheat.

This is the first U.S. wheat purchased by the Rhodesias since early 1957. Canada has been providing all the dollar wheat imports permitted, from 15 to 20 percent of the total.

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ANNA MCCABE RETIRES

Anna McCabe, Budget-Finance, well known to many in the attache service and throughout FAS, retired from government work in May.

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HELEN SMITH RETIRES

Helen F. Smith, adm asst to Afif Tannous and previously a member of the former OFAR technical assistance staff, retired at the end of May.

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SELLERS VISITS CANE FIELDS

At a large corporation sugarcane plantation in Southern Bombay State are Supervisor P. P. Joshi and Roy Sellers, Bombay, with workers who are spraying nitrogen fertilizer (urea) on sugarcane foliage with knap-sack sprayers.

The Walchandnagar farms are progressive producers. This picture was taken at an experiment station.

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FAS ON THE ROAD

Art Cummings, Grain-Feed, and Lawrence Zeleny, AMS, conferred in India on P. L. 480 grain shipments and also visited Hapur, north Indian grain market. They visited attache officers at both New Delhi and Bombay.

Bill Youngman, Grain-Feed, spent July in Puerto Rico, Cuba, Venezuela, and Guatemala surveying seed marketing opportunities, making contacts with experiment stations and seedsmen, and conferring with attaches and trade and government officials on trade in and demand for U. S. seeds.

Walter Sikes, Dir, Fats-Oils, delivered the USDA statement at the annual meeting of the International Oilseed Crushers Assn at Cannes, France. Before returning, Walter inspected market development projects in Italy and Israel.

Edward Seeborg and Omar Stevens, Grain-Feed, are visiting several European countries and Egypt to obtain information on specific wheat quality requirements, to survey wheat utilization, and to consult with attaches and cooperators regarding the wheats best suited to each country.

Weber Peterson, International Agreements, will represent USDA at the GATT multilateral consultations on balance-of-payments problems. Four countries, Denmark, Austria, Finland, and Ghana, were consulted between June 29 and July 11.

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AT MADRID FAIR

At the American pavilion at Madrid are (l-r): A. James Martin, manager of the U. S. exhibit; Waldo Rowan, Madrid asst; Senor Don Cirilo Canovas, Minister of Agriculture; Richard Aldrich, Director of ICA mission in Spain; and Senor Don Santiago Pardo Canalis, Undersecretary of Agriculture.



SAN JOSE

The Costa Rican attache staff poses in the patio of the National Museum. (l-r) Attache Bill Rodman, bilingual secretary Maryann Vargas, and Oscar Balderama Calle, jr ag econ. Bill assures us that it is not an "8 ball" behind them, but a religious stone shaped by Indians centuries ago.



ATTACHE STAFFS



ROME

Seated (l-r) are Anne Betts, Viola Sullivan, Italia Sampietro, Ida Bagnini, Lidia Garro, and Silvana Maiolini. Standing (l-r) are Harry McClelland, Guido Buelli, Attache Clayton Whipple, Louis Menna, Romano Graziana, Norman Pettipaw and Paul Findlen.

Contract employees
for project
Melton led support



LIVESTOCK DIVISION

WASHINGTON STAFF

Standing (l-r): Carolyn Entwistle, secy to Director; Grover Sims, ag econ; Dwight Bishop, chief ForComp branch; John Ray, ag econ; Martin Gerrity, chief CommAn branch; Richard Welton, ag econ; Dalton Wilson, chief For Mar branch; Sylvia Toskes, stat clerk; Maude Nelson, secy; Anna Jones, stat asst; and Jack Drisko, Director.

Seated (l-r): Evelyn Pampel, secy; Claire Parker, clerk-typist; Mary Keehan, stat clerk; Nellie Dulin, clerk-typist; and Virgie Moseley, stat asst.

RETIREMENT PARTY HONORS TERMOHLEN

Friends gathered at a recent retirement party in Washington to honor Dewey Termohlen on his 26 years of distinguished USDA service and to wish him a happy retirement.

USDA folks will miss Dewey, and his absence will be felt in Japan, his last post, as witness this quotation from a letter by Kiichi Minami, vice president of the Japan Nutrition Assn:

"...your campaign for market develop-

ment of farm products has been rapidly promoted and the school lunch, bakers training and food demonstration bus projects have been carried out throughout Japan.

"...It is my belief that Mr. Termohlen ...will be remembered by us forever.

"I would like to express my thanks to the friendship of Mr. Termohlen for contributing to the improvement of Japanese food life and I pray that Mr. Termohlen, after returning to the United States, will become more and more healthy and happy."

All of us in FAS second the motion.

EXTENSION TEAM BACK FROM EUROPEAN TOUR

A team of federal and state cooperative extension workers has returned from a 5-week study of foreign trade developments and agricultural market requirements in 7 European countries.

The team consisted of 7 state extension representatives plus Paul Quintus, Dep Asst Adm MarDev, and Karl Shoemaker, FES Agricultural Economic Programs.

The state representatives are all Public Affairs specialists and foreign agricultural trade is receiving increased attention in the Extension program. This project was designed to better equip a limited number of extension workers for education and leadership in foreign trade problems and policies.

Shoemaker had glowing words for the help the group received at the attache posts. The attaches, he said, made the visit more productive and pleasant for all concerned, particularly in facilitating effective contact with agricultural and trade officials.

The state extension men, who called the trip a most valuable experience, will transmit observations to U.S. rural groups and professional agricultural workers.

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480 SALE TO INDONESIA

Signing a P. L. 480 agreement are U.S. Ambassador Howard Jones (left) and Indonesian 1st Dep Prime Minister Dr. Hardi. The agreement provides for sale of rice, wheat flour, nonfat dry milk, and cotton to Indonesia.



BURGESS WELCOMES FRANCO AT U. S. FAIR PAVILION

Welcoming Generalissimo and Mrs. Francisco Franco to the U. S. pavilion at the International Trade Fair in Madrid is John Burgess, Madrid attache now transferring to Santiago, Chile.

The Spanish Chief of State and his wife visited the U. S. pavilion on the opening day of the fair.

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THE IFYE BOYS IN VENEZUELA

Ray Ogg, Caracas, welcomed Wayne Ellis, Virginia, and Paul Faidley, Kansas, who arrived to spend the summer on Venezuelan ranches as a part of the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

In the picture are (l-r): Howard Law, Director, Council of Rural Welfare; Ellis; Dr. Daniel Osuna, Director, Practical School of Agriculture, Maracay; Faidley, and Ogg.

AWARD-WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS FROM POSTS AROUND THE WORLD



Yolanda Cortinovis, secy at Lima, receives her Certificate of Merit from Ambassador Theodore Achilles.



Flanked by Attache Elmer Reese and U.S. Ambassador Val Peterson is a smiling Mrs. Irene Rolner of the Copenhagen staff, winner of a Certificate of Merit. Mr. Peterson is holding her certificate.



Miss Eleanor Birely receives her Certificate from Bob Anderson, London.

Mrs. Anneliese K. Bueno receives her 10-year Service Certificate and pin from Minister-Con Gen Richard Butrick, Sao Paulo.



Holding her husband's Superior Service Award is Mrs. Harold Koeller, just after its presentation to Harold by Ambassador Rankin (above).

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Charge d'Affaires Norbert Anschuetz presents the Certificate of Merit to Frank Ehman, Cairo.

